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# PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN®

NICE TRY,  
WALL-CRAWLER!  
BUT ANYBODY WHO  
COMES AT ME  
FROM BEHIND--

--IS IN  
FOR A  
**BIG  
SHOCK!**

HE'S ROUGH--HE'S READY--  
HE'S THE RIP-ROARING  
**RAZORBACK!**  
AND HE'LL GET WHAT HE WANTS  
IN THE BIG APPLE--OR POUND  
IT INTO PULP!





While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers... and had, in effect, become a human spider...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!**

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FROM BAD-TO-WORSE-AND-DOWNHILL-FROM-THERE-DEPARTMENT: WHEN FLASH THOMPSON DISCOVERED THAT HIS VIETNAMESE SAVIOR--SNA SHAN-- WAS ALSO SISTER SUN, AND THAT SHE WAS MARRIED TO A FORMER SMUGGLER NAMED AHMED KORBA, WHO, AS BROTHER POWER, WAS NOW THE LEADER OF THE NEWEST RELIGIOUS NUT-GROUP ON THE NEW YORK SCENE... IT ALMOST COST FLASH HIS LIFE!

AND, WHEN SPIDEY CHARGED IN TO SAVE HIS FRIEND, HE RAN HEAD ON INTO A DOUBLE LIGHT-BURST--EMANATING FROM THE SUN SYMBOLS ON THE DUO'S TUNICS--WITH THE NET RESULT THAT HE WAS BLASTED OUT OF KORBA'S RESTAURANT--

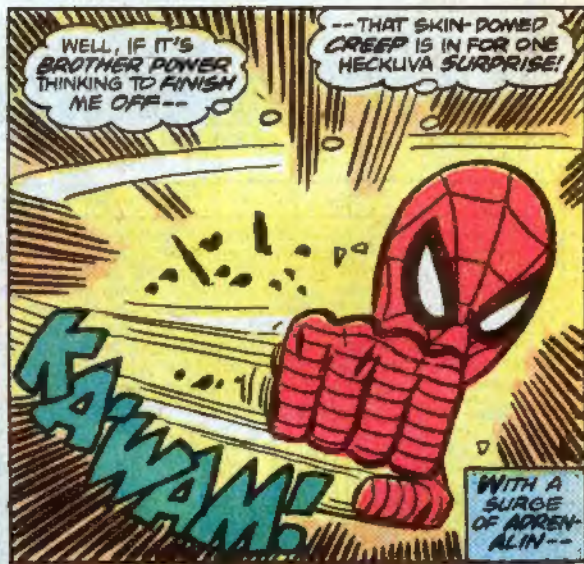
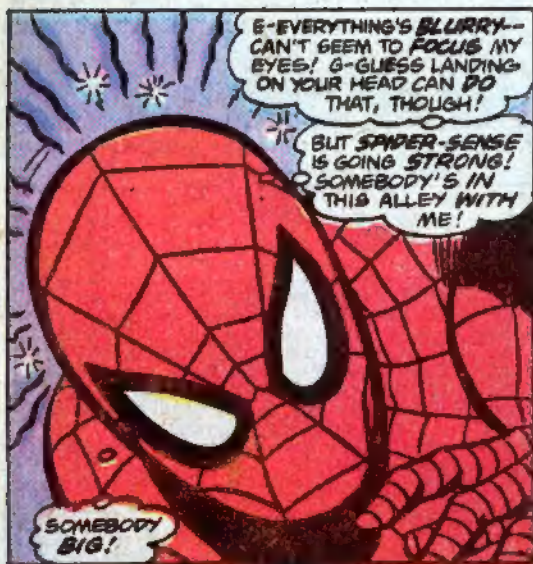
--TO THIS TRASH-STREWN ALLEY WHERE, AS THE DRUM-ROLL FADES IN HIS HEAD, HE MUST RISE TO FACE...

# ...THE COMING OF

# RAZORBACK!

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EVERY SECOND I SPEND WALTZING WITH THIS BIG BRUISER LEAVES FLASH AT BROTHER POWER'S MERCY!

O I'VE GOT TO END THIS AND GET BACK UPSTAIRS--FAST!

YOU HAD ENOUGH TO CRY UNCLE YET, PIG-SNOUT?

MEGA-TORY, INSECT-MAN--



--I CAME EAST TO STRUT MY STUFF IN THE BIG LEAGUES--AN' TO TAKE CARE O' FAMILY BUSINESS!

ZZZZT!

NOW I GOT ME A CHANCE TO DO BOTH AT ONCE!

HUH? SPARKS--FROM HIS HEADPIECE?!



HE'S ELEC-TRIFIED HIS MANE!!

ZZZZT!

THAT'S RIGHT, GOOD BUDDY-- I THOUGHT IT MIGHT COME AS A SHOCK TO YA!



PACKS A MONEY OF A WALLOP, NOW DON'T IT? I DESIGNED IT MYSELF--OUTTA SPARE RADIO EQUIPMENT--

AN' I GUESS IF THAT DON'T PROVE I BELONG IN THE BIG TIMES, AIN'T NUTHIN' WILL! HOW YA FEELIN', GOOD BUDDY?

Y-YOU... SOUND ALMOST... LIKE YOU CARE...



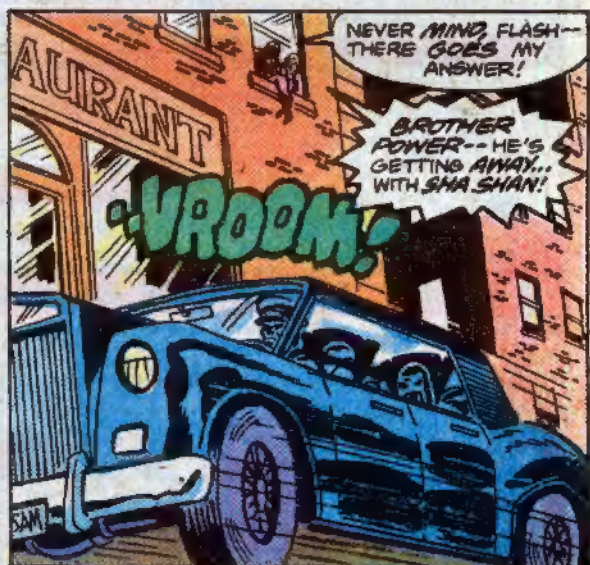
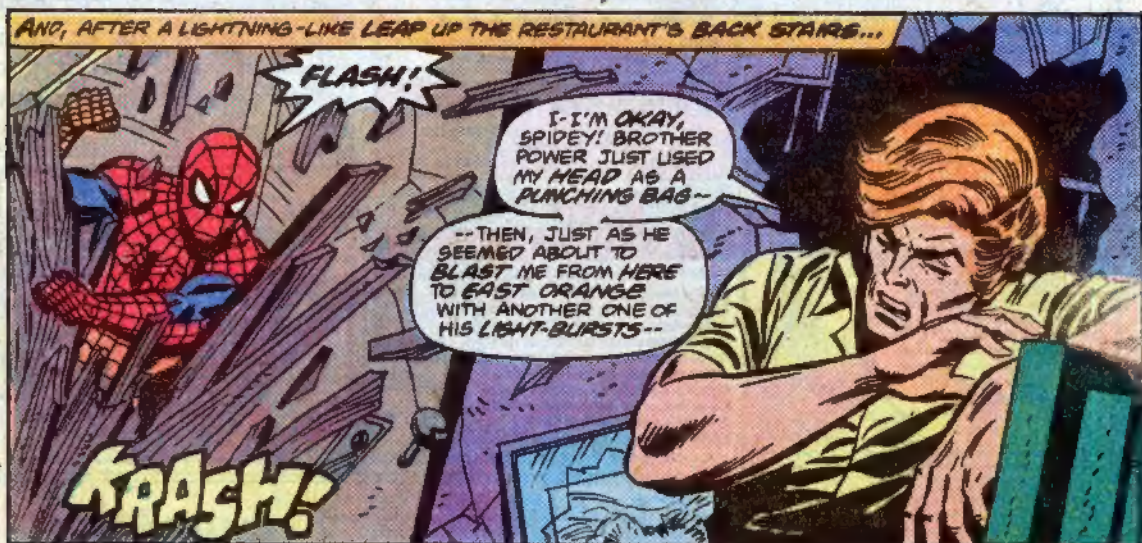
SURE! I DON'T HOLD NO GRUDGES--EVEN IF YOU DID HIT ME FIRST! 'SIDES--

--THIS IS JUST LIKE I HEARD BACK IN HOG COUNTRY... TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS--

--ALL YOU EASTERN SLAYER-HERO-TYPES ALWAYS STAMP EACH OTHER BY WAY O' INTRODUCTION!

SO I FIGGERED I'D DO THE SAME! HERE--THE NAME'S BUFORD HOLLIS--LEMME GIVE YA A HAND UP?

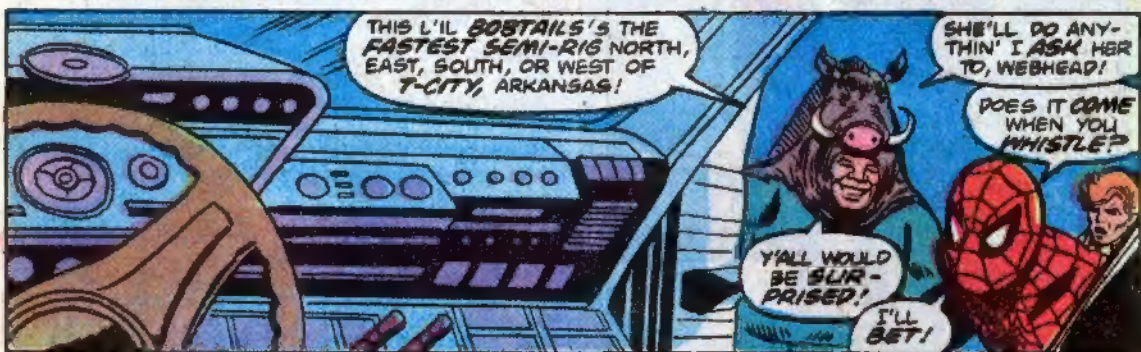
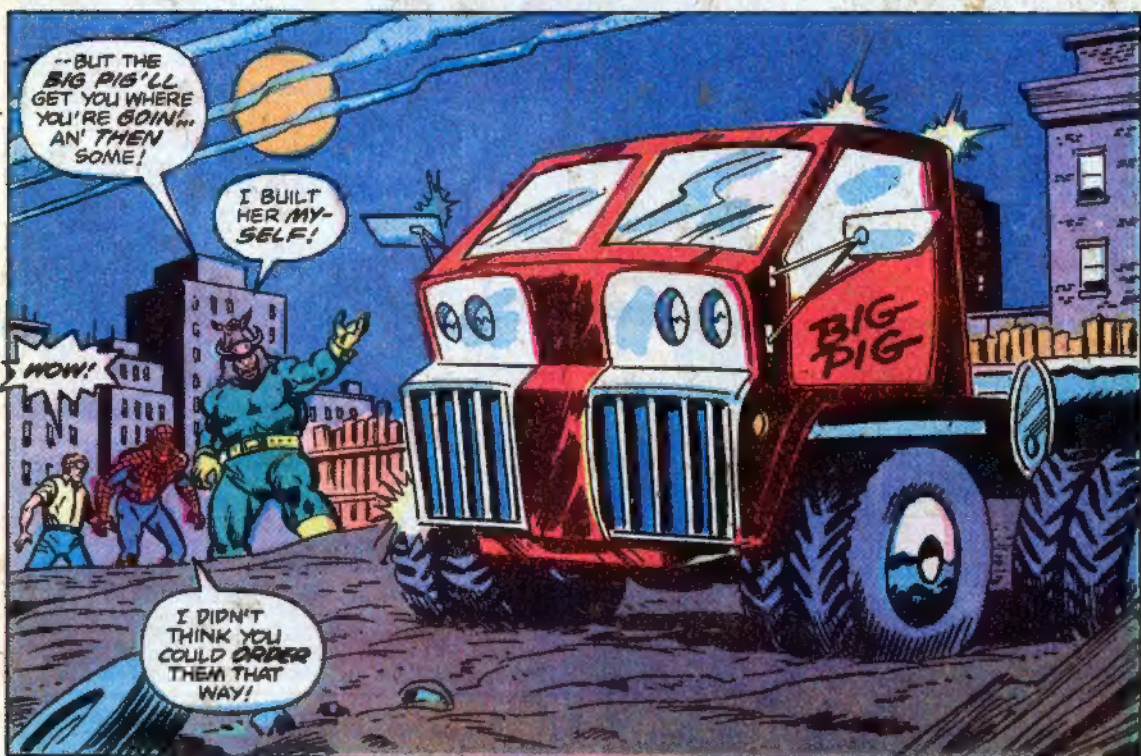














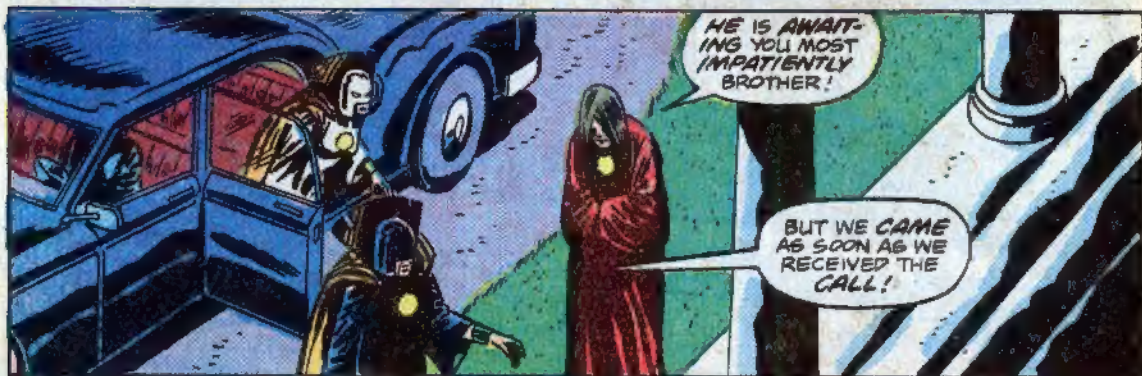
AND, AS THE UNLIKELY TRIO BOARDS RAZORBACK'S "BIG PIG"...

HOLD ONTO  
YOUR LUNCHES,  
GOOD  
BUDDIES!

--'CAUSE THIS HERE  
ROAD JOCKEY'S GONNA  
KICK OUT THE SLACK AN'  
LET THE MOTOR  
TOTE 'ER!

POPPING A  
WHEELIE--  
THEY'RE OFF!

WHILE, NORTH OF THE BIG APPLE,  
ARRIVING AT A FASHIONABLE CROTON-  
ON-THE-HUDSON  
ESTATE...



HE IS AWAIT-  
ING YOU MOST  
IMPATIENTLY  
BROTHER!

BUT WE CAME  
AS SOON AS WE  
RECEIVED THE  
CALL!



HE IS AWARE OF  
THAT, BROTHER--BUT  
HE HIMSELF MUST  
INFORM YOU OF  
HIS DISPLEASURE!

NO--IT'S ONLY YOUR  
PLACE TO SCHEME  
BEHIND MY BACK! YOU  
SEEK MY POWER,  
PRIEST--

IT IS NOT THE  
PLACE OF THIS  
HUMBLE PRIEST  
TO--!

--AND YOU WOULD TELL  
THE MENTOR ANY LIE  
ABOUT ME TO GET IT!



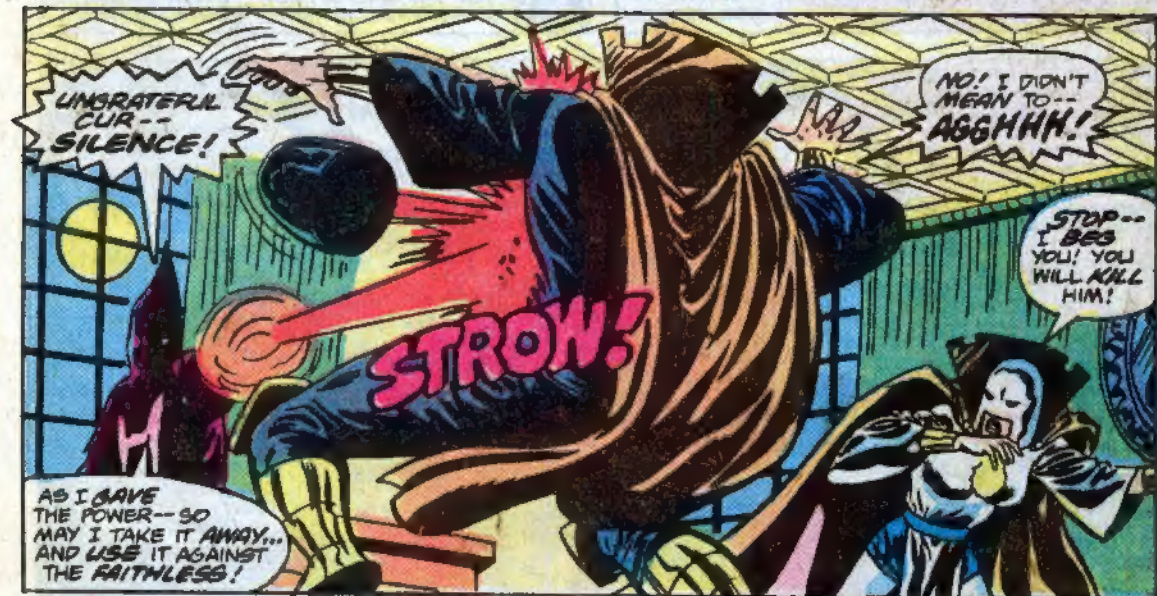
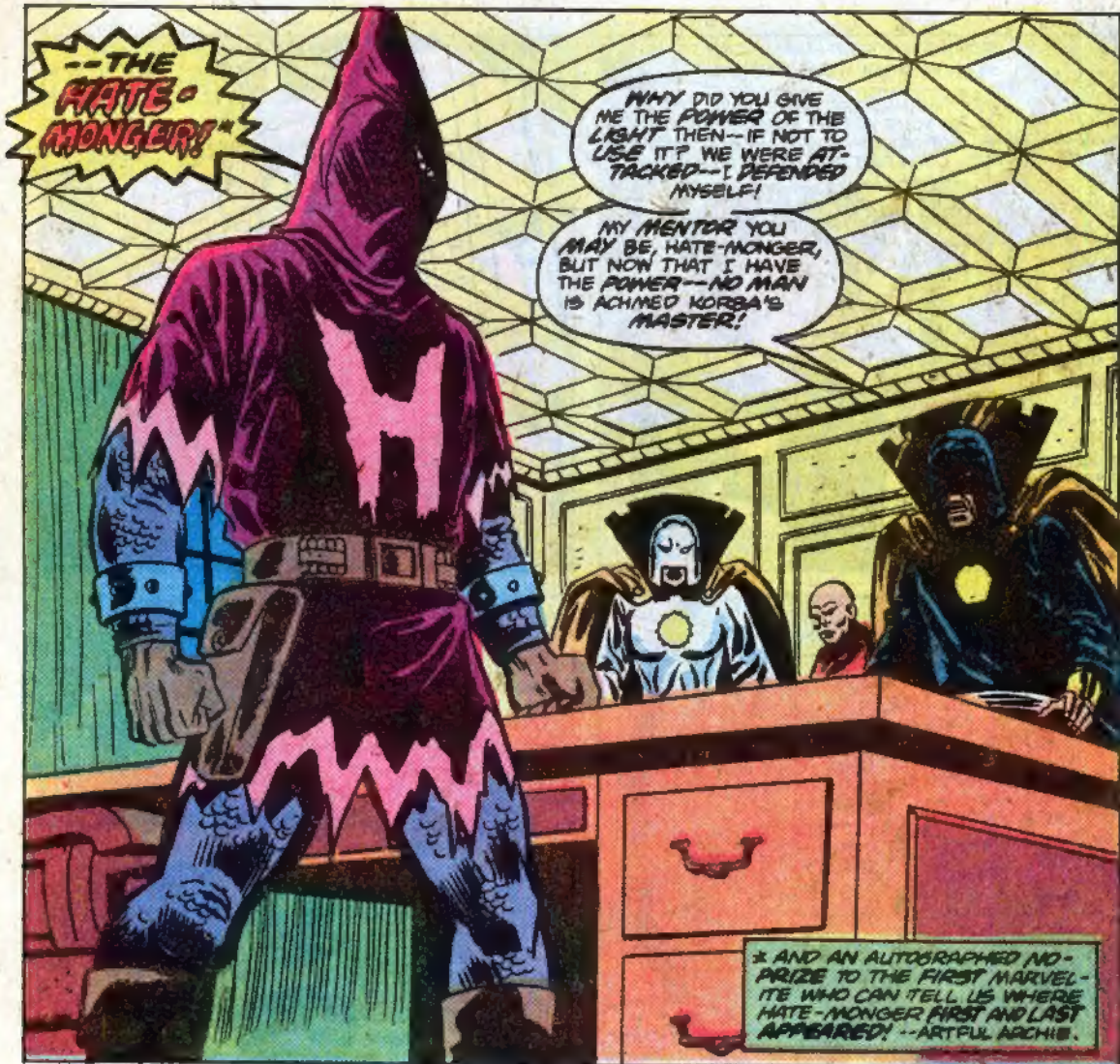
KORBA--YOU FORGET  
YOURSELF! YOU ARE IN THE  
PRESENCE OF THE MENTOR  
NOW--

--NOT AT SOME  
PATHETIC STREET-  
RALLY! HEAR ME--

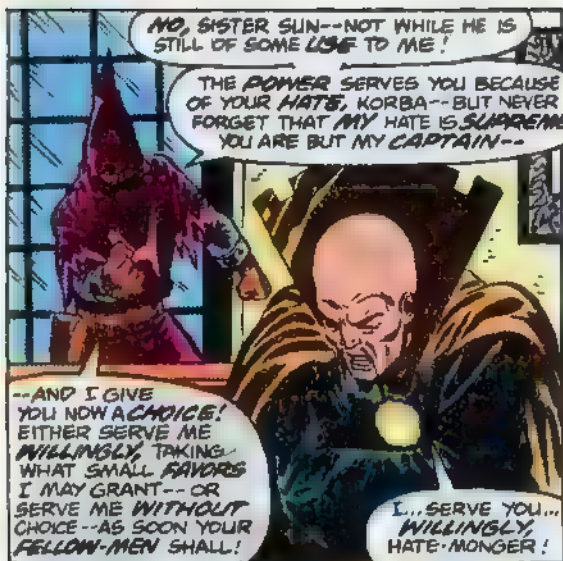
--I HAVE BEEN INFORMED  
OF YOUR EVERY MOVE,  
DISCIPLE! I KNOW YOU HAVE  
USED THE POWER--IN  
PUBLIC!

YOU HAVE GONE  
AGAINST MY COM-  
MANDS, WRETCHED  
ONE! YOU HAVE  
DARED TO DEFEY--







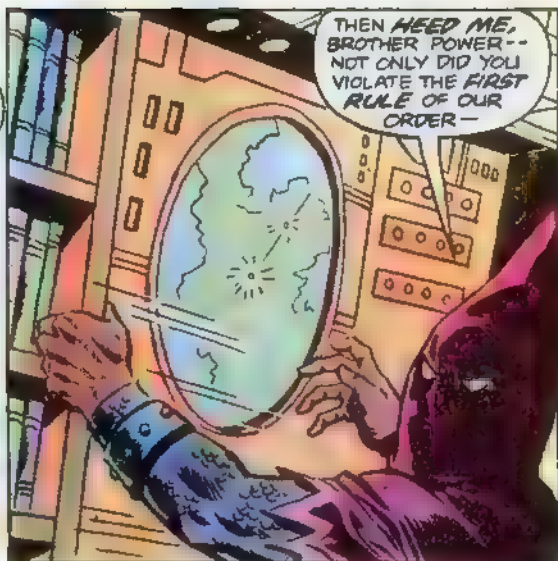


NO, SISTER SUN--NOT WHILE HE IS STILL OF SOME USE TO ME!

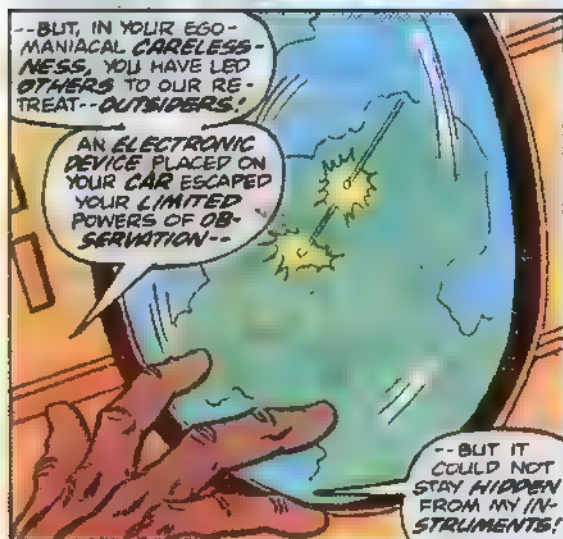
THE POWER SERVES YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR HATE, KORBA--BUT NEVER FORGET THAT MY HATE IS SUPREME! YOU ARE BUT MY CAPTAIN--

--AND I GIVE YOU NOW A CHOICE! EITHER SERVE ME WILLINGLY, TAKING WHAT SMALL FAVORS I MAY GRANT--OR SERVE ME WITHOUT CHOICE--AS SOON YOUR FELLOW-MEN SHALL!

I...SERVE YOU... WILLINGLY, HATE-MONGER!



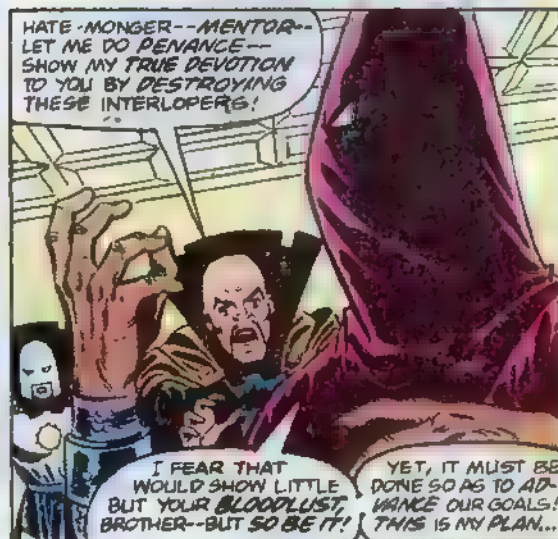
THEN HEED ME, BROTHER POWER--NOT ONLY DID YOU VIOLATE THE FIRST RULE OF OUR ORDER--



--BUT, IN YOUR EGO-MANIACAL CARELESSNESS, YOU HAVE LED OTHERS TO OUR RETREAT--OUTSIDERS!

AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE PLACED ON YOUR CAR ESCAPED YOUR LIMITED POWERS OF OBSERVATION--

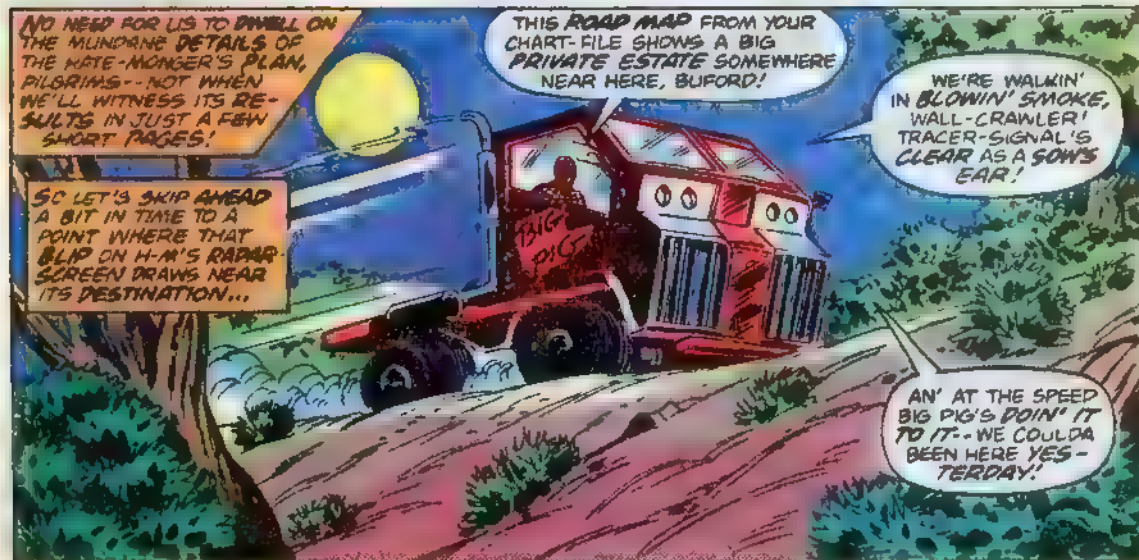
--BUT IT COULD NOT STAY HIDDEN FROM MY INSTRUMENTS!



HATE-MONGER--MENTOR--LET ME DO PENANCE--SHOW MY TRUE DEVOTION TO YOU BY DESTROYING THESE INTERLOPERS!

I FEAR THAT WOULD SHOW LITTLE BUT YOUR BLOODLUST, BROTHER--BUT SO BE IT!

YES, IT MUST BE DONE SO AS TO ADVANCE OUR GOALS! THIS IS MY PLAN...



NO NEED FOR US TO DIVE ON THE MUNDANE DETAILS OF THE HATE-MONGER'S PLAN, PILGRIMS--NOT WHEN WE'LL WITNESS ITS RESULTS IN JUST A FEW SHORT PAGES!

SO LET'S SKIP AHEAD A BIT IN TIME TO A POINT WHERE THAT BLIP ON H-M'S RADAR-SCREEN DRAWS NEAR ITS DESTINATION...

THIS ROAD MAP FROM YOUR CHART-FILE SHOWS A BIG PRIVATE ESTATE SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE, BUFORD!

WE'RE WALKIN' IN BLOWIN' SMOKE, WALL-CRAWLER! TRACER-SIGNAL'S CLEAR AS A SOW'S EAR!

AN' AT THE SPEED BIG PIG'S DOIN' IT TO IT--WE COULDA BEEN HERE YES-TERDAY!



I'VE GOTTA **AWAY** IT TO YOU, **BUCK**-- YOU'VE GOT **GOOD SHOCKS** ON THIS THING!

WHO'S THE **LADY** TAPED TO YOUR **DASHBOARD** **RAZORBACK**?

THAT'S THE **FAMILY BUSINESS** I BEEN **MANTIN'** AT, **BOYS!** THE **L'IL GAL'S** FROM **7-CITY**--**SAME AS ME!** SHE GOT **HOOKED IN** BY THIS **HERE LEGION OF LIGHT**--

--**AN' ONE MORNIN'** WE ALL **WAKE UP** T'FIND HER JUST UP AN' **GONE!** MOST **BROKE** HER **POOR MAMA'S** **HEART!**

SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S A **RELATIVE**, **BUCK**-- YOUR **SISTER**?

YO--**MY KID-SISTER**, **WEB-HEAD BOBBY SUE**-- **FINEST LITTLE CHICK** IN **TEKARKANA**--

--**TILL THIS BROTHER POWER DUDE** RAIDED THE **HEN HOUSE!**

THEY WOULDN'T EVEN LET ME **SEE HER**--**AN'** BY THE TIME I FOUND OUT WHERE THEY WAS **KEEPIN'** HER--SHE WAS **GONE!**

BUT I WAS SOME **KINDA HOTSHOT** BACK HOME--EVEN STOPPED A **GANG O' RADIO RUSTLERS** SMUGGLIN' **HOT CB EQUIPMENT** 'CROSS **STATE LINES!**

I FIGGERED--**BETWEEN MY MUSCLES** AN' **KNACK** FOR **COOKIN' UP ELECTRIC GIZMOS**--I COULD FIND MY **SIS**, LIKE **AS NOT!**

'CAUSE WHEN YOU **LOVE** SOME-BODY **STRONG-LIKE**--IT JUST AIN'T **NATCHERL** TO LET SOME **BALD CAYLISE** UP AN' **STEAL** HER AWAY, NOW IS IT?

WHAT ABOUT **YOUR L'IL LADY**, **FLASH**?

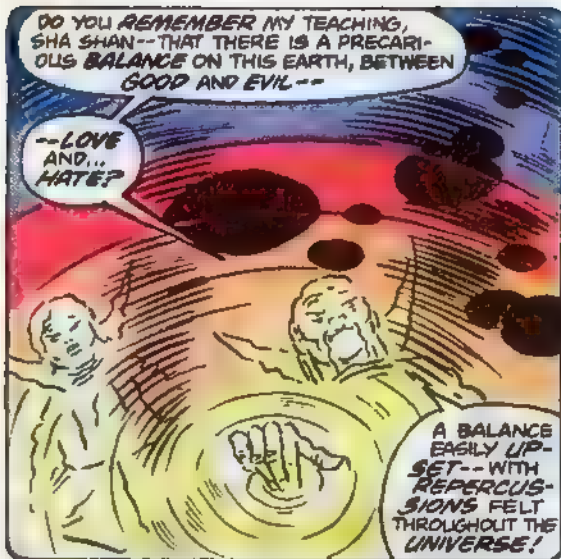
**SHA SHAN** ISN'T MY **LADY**, **BUCK**--

"--**AND, ACCORDING TO WHAT SHE TOLD ME AT THE RESTAURANT BEFORE KURBA BUSTED IN, SHE ONLY JOINED THE LEGION OF LIGHT BECAUSE IT WAS HER FATHER'S WISH!**"

YOU SUMMONED ME FROM MY **MEDITATIONS**, **SAINTED FATHER?**

**YES**, **DAUGHTER** OF MY **HEART**. WE HAVE **KNOWN PEACE** IN THIS **KNOWN TEMPLE**. BUT THE **SHADOW OF STRIFE** NOW **TOUCHES US**

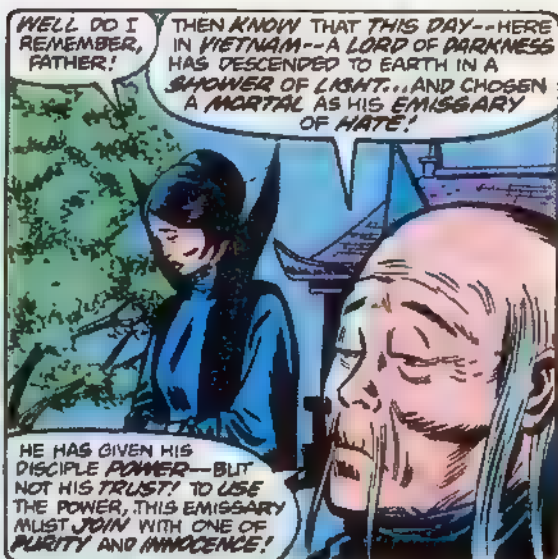




DO YOU REMEMBER MY TEACHING, SHA SHAN--THAT THERE IS A PRECARIOUS BALANCE ON THIS EARTH, BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL--

--LOVE AND... HATE?

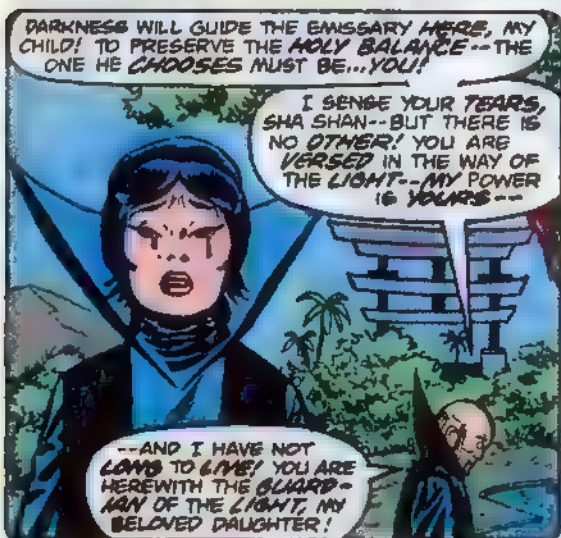
A BALANCE EASILY UPSET--WITH REPERCUSSIONS FELT THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE!



WELL DO I REMEMBER, FATHER!

THEN KNOW THAT THIS DAY--HERE IN VIETNAM--A LORD OF DARKNESS HAS DESCENDED TO EARTH IN A SHOWER OF LIGHT...AND CHOSEN A MORTAL AS HIS EMISSARY OF HATE!

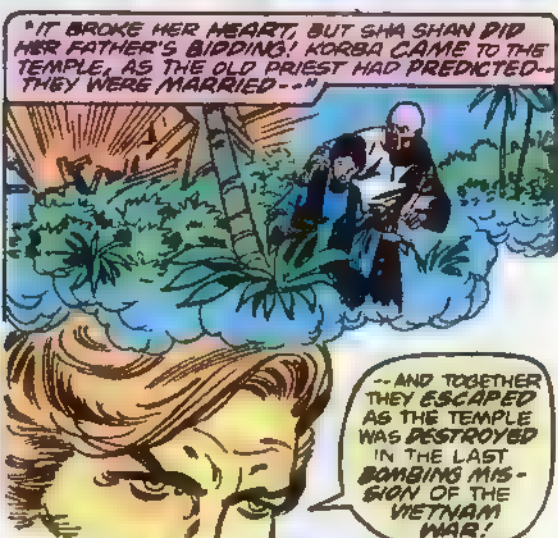
HE HAS GIVEN HIS DISCIPLE POWER--BUT NOT HIS TRUST! TO USE THE POWER, THIS EMISSARY MUST JOIN WITH ONE OF PURITY AND INNOCENCE!



DARKNESS WILL GUIDE THE EMISSARY HERE, MY CHILD! TO PRESERVE THE HOLY BALANCE--THE ONE HE CHOOSES MUST BE...YOU!

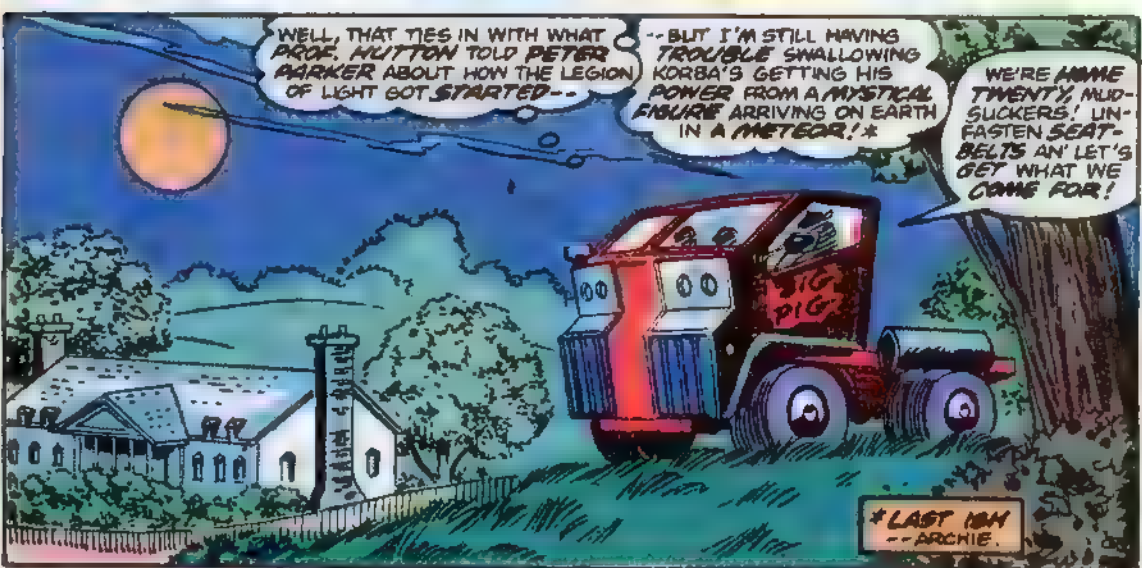
I SENSE YOUR TEARS, SHA SHAN--BUT THERE IS NO OTHER! YOU ARE VERSED IN THE WAY OF THE LIGHT--MY POWER IS YOURS--

--AND I HAVE NOT LONG TO LIVE! YOU ARE HEREWITH THE GUARDIAN OF THE LIGHT, MY BELOVED DAUGHTER!



"IT BROKE HER HEART, BUT SHA SHAN DID HER FATHER'S BIDDING! KORBA CAME TO THE TEMPLE, AS THE OLD PRIEST HAD PREDICTED--THEY WERE MARRIED--"

--AND TOGETHER THEY ESCAPED AS THE TEMPLE WAS DESTROYED IN THE LAST BOMBING MISSION OF THE VIETNAM WAR!



WELL, THAT TIES IN WITH WHAT POPE HUTTON TOLD PETER PARKER ABOUT HOW THE LEGION OF LIGHT GOT STARTED--

--BUT I'M STILL HAVING TROUBLE SWALLOWING KORBA'S GETTING HIS POWER FROM A MYSTICAL FIGURE ARRIVING ON EARTH IN A METEOR! \*

WE'RE HOME TWENTY! MUD-SUCKERS! UNFASTEN SEAT-BELTS AN' LET'S GET WHAT WE CAME FOR!

\*LAST 104  
--ARCHIE





NOT SO FAST, BUCK!  
WE'RE ON **PRIVATE**  
PROPERTY NOW--AND  
THE LEGION HASN'T  
BROKEN ANY LAWS!

IF WE'RE GOING  
TO STOP THEM,  
WE'VE GOT TO  
TAKE THEM BY  
SURPRISE--

--AND  
CATCH  
THEM AT  
SOMETHING  
ILLEGAL!

10-4, WEB-  
HEAD--YOU'RE  
THE PRO! WE'LL  
WAIT FOR YUH  
TO SIGNAL!



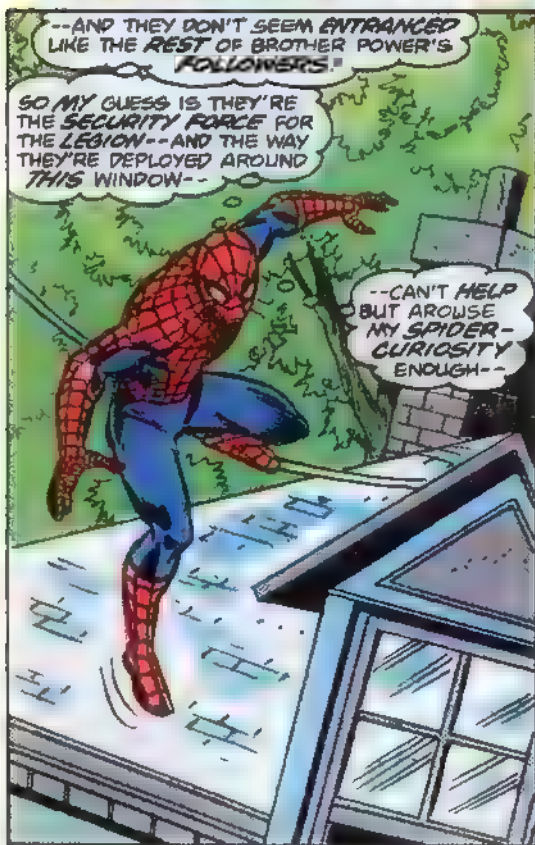
HOPE I HANDLED THAT TACT-  
FULLY! RAZORBACK'S HEART  
IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE--BUT  
I CAN'T RISK HIS BULL-IN-A-  
CHINA SHOP TECHNIQUE  
GIVING US AWAY!



NOT WHEN I'M **SURE** KORBA'S  
FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK MEANS  
THAT SOMETHING **BIG** IS IN  
THE WIND!

AND THE ARMED  
CAMP ATMOSPHERE  
OF THIS PLACE  
CLINCHES IT!

I'LL GET  
THOSE  
BULGES  
UNDER THESE  
FOLKS' ROBES  
AREN'T  
CAUSED BY  
BAGGIES!



--AND THEY DON'T SEEM ENTRANCED  
LIKE THE REST OF BROTHER POWER'S  
FOLLOWERS!

SO MY GUESS IS THEY'RE  
THE SECURITY FORCE FOR  
THE LEGION--AND THE WAY  
THEY'RE DEPLOYED AROUND  
THIS WINDOW--

--CAN'T HELP  
BUT AROUSE  
MY SPIDER-  
CURIOSITY  
ENOUGH--



--TO TURN  
ME INTO A  
PEEPING-  
PETER!

...AS YOU  
WITNESSED MY  
FATHER ON THE DAY  
I DESCENDED TO  
EARTH--SO SOON  
SHALL THE MURDER

G-CHINOSH--  
IT CAN'T BE! I--  
I RECOGNIZE HIM  
FROM THE PAPERS--  
THE HATE-MONSTER!

BUT HE'S...  
DEAD!! \*

\* AS FAR AS SPIDY  
KNOWS, H-M DIED IN  
FANTASTIC FOUR  
# 21 -- ARCH.



EVERYTHING IS SET FOR TOMORROW!  
YOU HAVE PREPARED THE WAY FOR MY  
COMING...

OUR GULLIBLE, PRO-  
GRAMMED FOLLOWERS  
WILL SEE MY COMING AS  
THE GREATEST MANIFEST-  
ATION OF THE POWER  
OF THE LIGHT!

BUT THEY--AND AN  
UNSUSPECTING WORLD--  
WILL LEARN THAT IT IS REAL-  
LY THE POWER OF HATE...  
AND SWIFTLY FEEL JUST HOW  
GREAT THAT POWER TRULY IS!

MOMENTS LATER...

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH  
TO KNOW THEY'RE PLAN-  
NING A HUGE RALLY AT  
THE YONKERS COLISE-  
UM TOMORROW!

IF IT'S TELEVISED--  
THEIR GOSPEL OF  
HATE WILL REACH  
MILLIONS!

BUT NOW WE'VE GOT  
SOMETHING ON THEM!  
THE HATE-MONGER IS  
A WANTED CRIMINAL!  
GOT TO TELL--!

BUT SUDDENLY  
HIS SPIDER-  
SENSE SCREENS  
OUT AN ALL-  
POINTS ALERT  
AND, HEEDING  
IT, HE LEAPS  
FROM THE  
TELEPHONE  
CABLE--

TELAT!

--A FRACTION OF A SECOND TOO  
LATE, FOR HE IS STILL IN  
CONTACT AS THE AIR ABOUT  
HIM EXPLODES ELECTRICALLY--

--AND IT IS ONLY HIS UNCANNY ABILITY  
THAT ALLOWS HIM TO BREAK FREE OF  
THE NUMBING, SEARING CURRENT--

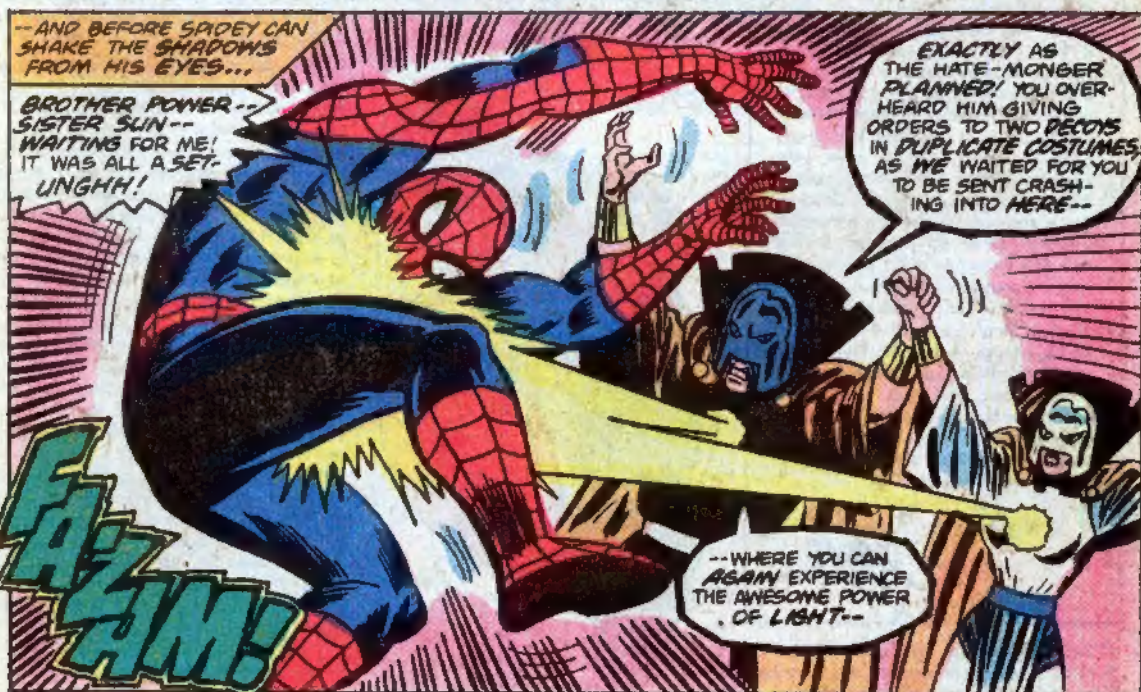
WHILE, BACK AT THE MAIN ROAD...

BURFORD! THAT  
FLASH OF  
LIGHT--?!

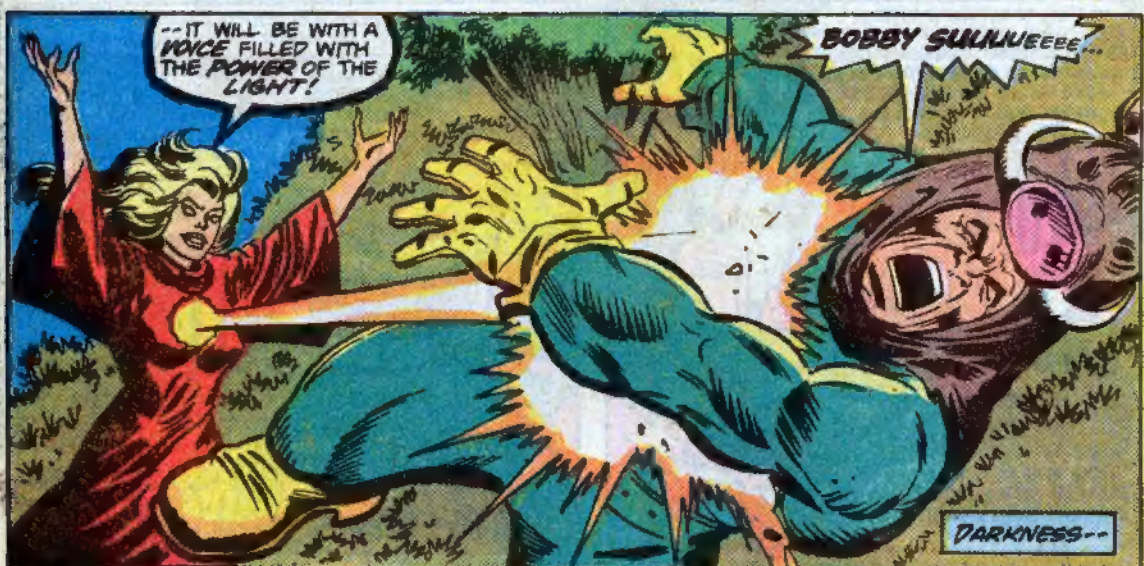
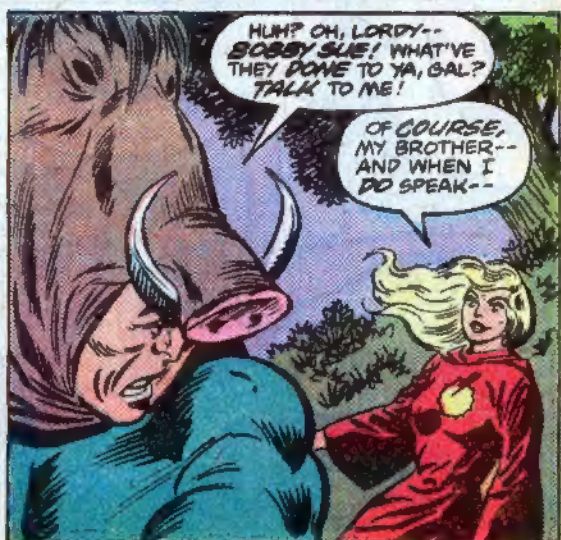
AFFIRMATORY,  
GOOD BUDDY--  
I SEE IT, TOO!

IT MAY NOT BE  
THE SIGNAL WE  
WAS WAITIN'  
FOR-- BUT I GOT  
ME A PUNCH IT'LL  
HAVETA DO!  
LET'S--!











--AND ONLY MUCH, MUCH LATER--

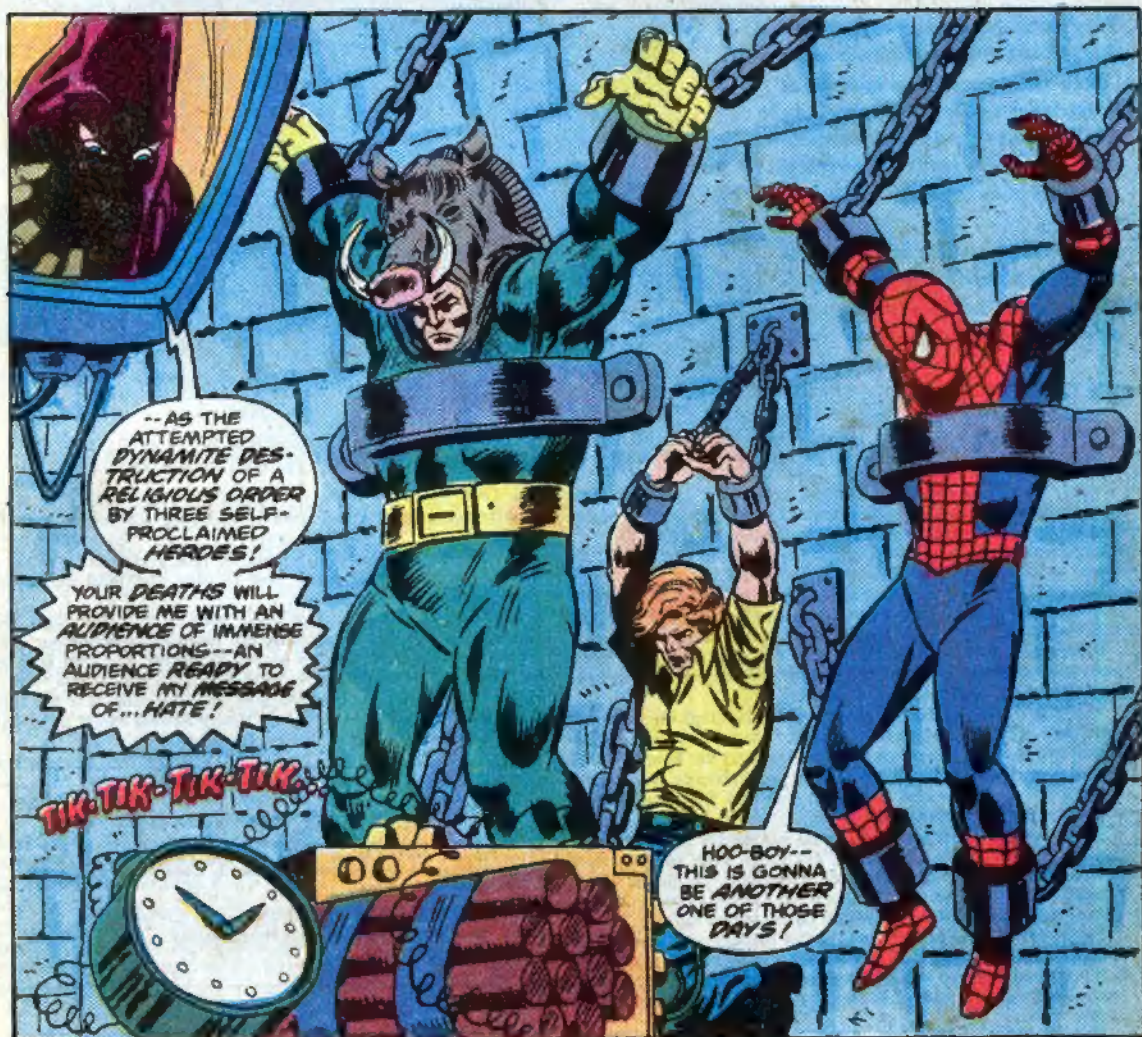
--LIGHT!

YOUR  
COMPANIONS  
SLEEP ON,  
SPIDER-MAN  
--BUT YOU  
ARE AWAKE!

I WISH TO  
THANK YOU  
FOR ATTACK-  
ING MY  
RETREAT--IN  
DOING SO,  
YOU HAVE  
PLAYED INTO  
MY HANDS!

THERE  
WILL INDEED  
BE A RALLY  
TOMORROW--  
WITH MILLIONS  
WATCHING ON  
TELEVISION--

--WATCHING BECAUSE THEY WILL  
WANT TO KNOW WHAT MANNER OF  
ORGANIZATION INSPIRES SUCH  
HORRIBLE ACTS OF MINDLESS  
VIOLENCE--



--AS THE  
ATTEMPTED  
DYNAMITE DES-  
TRUCTION OF A  
RELIGIOUS ORDER  
BY THREE SELF-  
PROCLAIMED  
HEROES!

YOUR DEATHS WILL  
PROVIDE ME WITH AN  
AUDIENCE OF IMMENSE  
PROPORTIONS--AN  
AUDIENCE READY TO  
RECEIVE MY MESSAGE  
OF... HATE!

TIK-TIK-TIK-TIK

HOO-BOY--  
THIS IS GONNA  
BE ANOTHER  
ONE OF THOSE  
DAYS!

20X7 **KILLING ME SOFTLY** with his **HATE!**